

Welcome to First Baptist Church!

Welcome to First Baptist Church, where we celebrate God's love and Christ's salvation, engage in ministry near and far, and empower each person to be the good news of Jesus Christ in Vero Beach. Please see an usher for any concerns, and fill out a Connection Card for the offering plate.

We welcome children in our worship services: The presence of children is a gift, and we celebrate their wiggles, cries, and play as we teach them how to "play" and be the church! We hope that you feel the warm embrace of the First Baptist family and grow deeper in the Lord. Nursery is provided for infants and preschool children in both services.

This Week's Opportunities

Sunday, March 23, 2025

7:45 AM Worship Team Warmup
8:30 AM Worship Service
9:15 AM The Gathering (FLC)
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Warmup (choir room)
10:30 AM Worship Service

Deacons of the Week

Tommy & Dominica
Anderson

Monday, March 24, 2025

4:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal (choir room)
6:00 PM Risk Takers for Christ
6:30 PM Men's Bible Study
7:00 PM TCC Rehearsal

Wednesday Night Supper

Spaghetti w/meat sauce,
salad, garlic bread
& dessert
Dinners are \$8 each

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

7:30 AM Men's Prayer

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

3:45 PM Clothing Room Opens
4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Executive Library)
5:00 PM Wednesday Friends
5:00 PM Fellowship dinner
5:45 PM Prayer/Bible Study
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 27, 2025

7:00 PM Youth Group

Birthday Wishes - March Nonagenarian (90-99)

We would like to say **Happy Birthday** to our nonagenarian member:
Charlotte Selph - March 14 (95)

Easter Lilies

Order a lily for Easter Sunday to honor or to memorialize a loved one. Bring your message to the church office or drop it in the offering plate with a check or cash for \$15 each. Lily request forms are available all around the campus. Place your order by **Sunday, March 30, 2024**.



News and Notes



Sunday Prayer Ministry * Prayer Chapel after Worship, 11:30 AM

We welcome anyone who needs prayer to join our prayer team in the Prayer Chapel every Sunday after the 10:30 AM worship service. This is a time to find healing, hope, encouragement, care, and a deeper commitment to discipleship as the Holy Spirit leads you! We offer listening ears and open hearts. Please see Deacons Chris and Carla Rumas for more information.

March Committee Meeting:

Wednesday March 26, 2025

4:00 PM Stewardship Committee Meeting (Executive Library)



Alabama Mission Team * March 23 - 27, 2025

The Alabama Mission Team will be coming to stay in our Family Life Center for a few days. These students will be helping around our community. They volunteer during their spring break to give back to different communities. This group will be coming from Columbiana, AL. When you see them on our campus be sure to welcome them to our church.

"Be the Light" Missions Sunday: One Service, Lunch, Missions Fair *

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Join us for ONE Service at 10:30 AM on March 30th for Missions Sunday. Worship includes communion and special guest, Rev. Dr. John Keith of the TCBA (SBC). Lunch and missions fair to follow. The theme is "Be the Light!"



Church Workdays/Youth Car Washes Scheduled for 2025

- Saturday, April 5, 2025
- Saturday, July 12, 2025
- Saturday, October 11, 2025

Lunch will be provided on each workday. Mark these dates on your calendar! We will have something for everyone to do - both inside and outside. Our history room will also be open each workday for those who wish to help organize our church historical documents. *"Many hands make light work!"*

Stations of the Cross * Good Friday, April 18, 2025 at 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Stations of the cross is a self-guided journey through scripture of Jesus' Last Supper to when his body is placed in the tomb. This year our stations will focus on the theme "Lord, Teach Us to Pray". This is a wonderful Easter event for the whole family; and a great opportunity to invite a friend.

FBC Preschool Spaghetti Supper & Art Show * Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Continue to support us in updating our playgrounds. Join us for a night of fundraising and family fellowship! Student Art Show * Silent Auction * Spaghetti Dinner. Sponsorship opportunities are available - contact LeeAnne Parrish at 772.562.3037 or email at preschool@fbcvero.org. **Purchase tickets in advance - go to fbc.betterworld.org/events/supper.** \$15 Adults & \$10 Children. This event takes place in the Family Life Center, Building C.



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Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 23, 2025

Give us this day our daily bread...

God knows your thirst.
God senses your hunger.
Come, eat and drink.
A rich feast awaits you!

Worship Service at 8:30 AM

Opening Praise - *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Invocation and Welcome - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Worship Song - *Knowing You / Seek Ye First / Fill My Cup*

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Musical Response - *If You Search with All Your Heart*—Nancy Lesslie

Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 55:1-11 (OT p. 531) - Tommy Anderson
This is the Word of God for the people of God./**Thanks be to God!**

Message - "Daily Bread" - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Time of Response - *As the Deer*

Offertory Prayer - Tommy Anderson / **Offertory** - Dr. Ray Adams

Benediction - Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Closing Song - *May the Peace of God / Doxology*

Today, in God's Great Story of Redemption known as the Christian Year, is the Third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a forty day period (Sundays are excluded from the count) that aids us in preparing for the transforming power of Easter. The color for Lent is purple, which represents royalty and repentance. It reminds us to take inventory of our life in preparation for Easter. Our Lenten theme of "Lord, Teach us to Pray" reminds us to come away and commune with our Heavenly Father that we may be strengthened for the journey with Jesus to the cross. Throughout Lent we will be using the petitions of The Lord's Prayer to guide our thoughts as we seek to deepen our prayer life and walk closer with the Lord.



Pastoral Ministry Team:

Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia, Rev. Dr. Michael Carter,
Dr. Ray Adams and Kristina LaGuardia

Ministry Assistants:

Aaron Marckel, Millie Portante,
Pat Smith and Roy Strickland

Worship Team:

Dr. Ray Adams, Judy Carter, Riley Faulknier, Jacob Longnecker,
Lance Lunceford, Richie Mola, Hunter Scoville, Billy Smith and Jax Trojanski

Technical Support Team:

Jim Aldendorf, Roger Butler, Abigail Gast,
Hayden LaGuardia, Philip Smith, and Stephen Smith

First Baptist Church Preschool

René LaRosa and Leeanne Parrish

Nursery Workers

Kim Piscitelli, Zoe Gordon, and Shyanna Nowell

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Music Upon Gathering Dr. Ray Adams

Opening Prayer Sentences All in unison

Faithful God, our parched spirits thirst for you. Gathered here in your sanctuary, may we witness again your power and glory. Feed our hungry souls with the food that truly satisfies. Quench our dry mouths and fill them with your praise. Be known to us here, as we seek you with our whole being.

(Choir)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heav'n. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Invocation & Welcome Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Call to Worship

Leader: Welcome to the fabulous feast that God has prepared!

People: We come hungry, thirsty, and searching for God.

Leader: God is near, full of power and glory.

People: We are here to be fed by God's word.

Leader: Lift up your hearts in blessing, prayer, and praise!

People: We will bless, praise, and pray to God as long as we live!

*Hymn of Worship (# 56) CWM RHONDDA
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

Choral Affirmation Sanctuary Choir
Just a Closer Walk With Thee (arr. Jack Schrader)

*Hymn of Affirmation (# 323) RESTORATION
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Tithes and Offering of a Grateful People

*Offertory Prayer Dominica Anderson

Offertory Dr. Ray Adams

*Doxology (# 253) OLD 100TH

Children's Sermon Patti Carter

An Affirmation from Jeremiah 29:11-13 Nancy Lesslie
If You Search with All Your Heart (Craig Courtney)

A Prayer of Confession—(Prayed in unison)

Nurturing One, you invite us to feast on your word and to be filled with your love. Your banquet is always before us, freely offered for us to enjoy, yet we choose to spend our resources on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us when we consume the very things that do not feed us. Help us abandon our careless ways and self-seeking schemes, that we might return to you, our provider and sustainer.

A Time for Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

An Affirmation

Choir:

Forgiven, I've been forgiven; God has looked beyond my sin, saved me from what I might have been, gave me a new life within, I am forgiven by His grace.

People: (Singing # 329, refrain)

Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-11 (OT p. 531) Dominica Anderson

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia
"Daily Bread"

*Hymn of Invitation (# 450) NEED
I Need Thee Every Hour

Opportunities for Service & Benediction Rev. Dr. Joe LaGuardia

*Closing Affirmation (# 462) MALOTTE
Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name...

*Music upon Departure Dr. Ray Adams, organ

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*All who are able, please stand.

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